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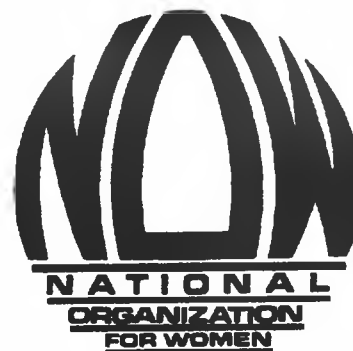
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Young Feminist Conference!!



Calling all activists 25 years old and younger *and* those young at heart to take charge as young feminists.

Boston MA, February 6-8th, 1998.

- Leadership Training - Action Tips -
- Fundraising - Public Speaking -
- Issue Discussions -

Organizers are currently needed to help mobilize the masses from Maine. If you are interested in attending the conference or organizing a few friends, or the whole state, CALL Rachel: 737-2329.

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LATE TERM ABORTION ON CAPITOL HILL

On March 20th, the U.S. House voted overwhelmingly to approve H.R. 1122, the "'Partial Birth Abortion' Act." On May 15th the U.S. Senate also passed the bill, but fell a mere three votes short of a "veto-proof" margin. President Clinton has pledged to veto the measure, but national anti-choice activists have vowed to pressure members of the U.S. Senate to win the three crucial votes necessary to enact the ban into law, in spite of the President's objections.

What can I do?

•Please sign the Maine Choice Coalition petition. Once a "veto override" date is set in the U.S. Senate, the petitions will be submitted to Senators Snowe and Collins. Please call Valerie at 622-7524 ext. 20 for a petition.

•Please write quick, personal letter or postcards to our delegation, thanking and urging them to vote to sustain President Clinton's veto of H.R. 1122:
Senator Olympia J. Snowe, 495 Russell Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510-5344
Senator Susan M. Collins, B40 Dirksen Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510
Congressman John E. Baldacci, 1740 Longworth Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515
Congressman Thomas H. Allen, 1630 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515.

OR E-MAIL!!!!

Senator Snowe: olympia@senate.gov
Rep. Baldacci: baldacci@hr.house.gov

Senator Collins: senator@collins.senate.gov
Rep. Allen: tomallen@mail.house.gov

KEEP PESTICIDES OUT OF OUR AIR & WATER

By Nancy Oden

Back ground

Toxic chemicals are a woman's issue. We have about 250 toxic chemicals stored in our body fat from our life-time exposure to agricultural, industrial and house hold chemicals.

We can do something about it! After trying legislation, agency rule-making, begging and pleading, logic, science, none of which make any change in agribusiness's of pesticide (use it up!), we've decided to use our weapon of last resort: the Citizens Referendum.

Please Help -- NOW!!

We're down to the crunch: will you help put a Referendum on the ballot to stop being poisoned by pesticides? Can you find a few hours to help make a difference?

We especially need people to sit at the polls on Election Day and gather signatures to put the Referendum on the ballot.

Ways to help include: COLLECTING SIGNATURES, volunteer at the Common Ground Booth, \$Send Money\$, volunteer at the Augusta office, 283 Water Street, 3rd floor., set up speaking engagements, and much more!!!

We only have a few weeks to gather about 60,000 signatures. Then sort, verify, count and deliver them to the Secretary of State. Either many people help or it doesn't get done. *WE CAN DO THIS AND WIN - IF YOU HELP!!!*

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: NANCY ODEN, 434-6228 OR 622-0094 (Augusta office), cleanmaine@nemaine.com.

clip coupon and mail today!

CLEAN: Maine, PO Box 186, Jonesboro, ME 04648

___ YES, I will help get signatures. Send petition forms.

___ YES, I will help organize my area/city/county. Call me

___ Enclosed is \$ _____ to help with Referendum expenses.

FREE T-SHIRT WITH \$25 OR MORE DONATION. CIRCLE ONE: M L XL XXL

NAME_____PHONE_____

ADDRESS_____ZIP_____

CHAPTERS – AT THE ROOT OF ALL WE DO

Greater Farmington Now had developed a calendar of events for 1997-1998 activist year, call Chapter Coordinator, Aimee DesRoches for more information 778-6107.

Kennebec Valley Now, had a successful yard sale to benefit KVNOW & Maine NOW PAC. KVNOW is holding a planning meeting in November for 1998. Call Chapter Coordinator, Don Craig for more information 582-1686.

Brunswick Area NOW, worked over the summer to formulate action plans for 1997-8. This summer Sandra Holland, who was pivotal to the reorganization of the chapter in 1994, has stepped down from her post. Thank you Sandra for all your HARD work! Anna Boll of Brunswick was voted in as the new Coordinator this summer. You may remember Anna as the 1996 as a NOW PAC endorsed candidate for House Representative Seat #85. The chapter is holding a meeting on "The State of Day Care in Maine," on September 15th. To get a copy of the chapter calendar, contact Chapter Coordinator Anna Boll at 729-1952.

The Greater Bangor NOW, held a "Susan B. Anthony Meets GBNOW!" Women's Equality Day celebration. GBNOW activists and folks from the Peace & Justice Center performed an across-the-centuries conversation with a variety of U.S. feminists and suffragists. The play used the feminists own words as often as possible and explored exciting issues including racism, classism and sexism. Exciting plans for the fall and winter are on the way, so call JoAnne Dauphinee at 989-3306 for more details.

Greater Portland NOW, is hosting the Maine NOW Annual Conference on Saturday, October 18th. Fall election for a coordinator will take place in September. For more information on 1998 plans contact Chapter Coordinator Kim Simmons 871-9786.

LOCAL EVENTS AND ACTIONS

Third Annual Changing Maine "Re-inventing Democracy" (Root Causes, Real Responses) A Gathering for Maine Organizers and Activists. Saturday, November 1, 1997, 9AM - 4PM, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Augusta. Cost \$10. For more info call: Larry Dansinger, 525-7776.

Consumers for Affordable Health Care 1997 Consumer Health Care Conference called "Getting to Universal Health Care: Rebuilding a Statewide Movement" will take place on Monday, October 13, 1997, Senator Inn in Augusta. Cost is \$35. For more info call Alison Blizzard at 622-7045.

The 10th Annual Women Business Owners Conference, Wednesday, October 22, 1997 at Augusta's Civic Center, is featuring a Business to Business Trade Show. For more information contact: Women's Business Development Corporation at 947-5990.

The internationally known expert, Dr. Diana Russell will speak on Sexual Violence. October 6, 1997 at 7PM, University of Maine at Machias. For more info call: Tammy at 667-5304.

"Getting Self-Sufficiency" Welfare-to-Work Conference. Sunday October 5th through Tuesday October 7th, Cost: \$175 per person, some scholarships for people on AFDC or TANF, for more information contact: 622-5330.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

11:00a	Registration
11:30a-1:00p	Luncheon (Keynote: Nancy Grape)
1:15p-3:00p	Workshops (Concurrent)
3:00p-3:30p	Break/Silent Auction
3:30p-4:15p	Civil Rights Bill History
4:15p-5:00p	Action/Wrap-Up
5:00p	Silent Auction Wrap-Up

A vegetarian meal choice will be available; please note on registration if you prefer this choice.

Child care will be made available (no cost) for conference attendees who have *pre-registered*. Please indicate on the form if you need childcare and include the number and ages of children.



Name _____
Address _____

Conference Fee* _____

Vegetarian meal? Y N NOW Member? Y N

Do you need childcare? _____
Number of children: _____ Age(s): _____

*Conference fee is \$20 with option of more if you can, less if you can't.
Make checks payable to: Maine NOW.

Mail form with payment to:
Maine NOW, P.O. Box 4012, Portland, ME 04101

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN

Maine's Leading Feminist Grassroots Organization
Phone Number: 797-8508

Maine State Coordinator - Rachel Lowe 737-2329
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Computer Wizards - JoAnne Dauphinee 989-3306
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Dirigo Alliance - Beth Edmonds 865-3869
Lesbian Rights Task Force - Janet May 862-5907
Maine Choice Coalition - VACANCY
Maine NOW Phone Coordinator - VACANCY
Maine NOW PAC Treasurer - JoAnne Dauphinee 989-3306
Maine NOW Times - Cynthia Phinney 778-9506
Women's Legislative Agenda Coalition - VACANCY
Coalition for Economic Justice - Chris Rusnov 873-0878
Maine HIV Advisory Committee - Rachel Lowe 737-2329

NORTHEAST REGIONAL NOW BOARD MEMBERS

Ruth Young, Bronx, NY
Marsha Pappas, Albany, NY
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Lois Reckitt, 38 Mrytle Ave., South Portland, ME 04106 799-8744
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GREATER BANGOR NOW

87 Sunset Strip, Brewer, ME 04412
Coordinator - JoAnne Dauphinee 989-3306
Meets second Monday of each month

GREATER FARMINGTON NOW

P.O. Box 375, Farmington, ME 04938
Coordinator - Aimee DesRoches 778-6107

KENNEBEC VALLEY NOW

P.O. Box 503, Augusta, ME 04330
Coordinator - Don Craig 582-1686
Call for meeting schedule.

BRUNSWICK AREA NOW

P.O. Box 133, Brunswick, ME 04011
Coordinator - Anna Boll 729-1952
Monthly meeting - 3rd Monday of every month

GREATER PORTLAND NOW

P.O. Box 4012, Portland, ME 04101
Contact - Kim Simmons 871-9786
Call for meeting schedule.

e-mail feminists:

Cynthia Phinney CPHIN@aol.com

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Our vision is to empower women to take feminist action to make feminist social change. Our top five priorities are:
ERA, economic justice, eliminating racism, lesbian rights, and reproductive freedom. **JOIN US!**

MAINE NOW, P.O. BOX 4012, Portland, ME 04101. Make check payable to MAINE NOW.

NAME (Please PRINT) _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

RACIAL/ETHNIC BACKGROUND (optional) _____ to help us analyze our organization's diversity.

CHAPTER (see above) _____ If there isn't a chapter near you, leave this space blank and we will enroll you as an at-large member.

Dues rate includes membership at the national, state & local level.

\$ _____ dues enclosed. \$35 Regular Dues. A sliding scale of \$20 - 34 is available, if you need it.

\$ _____ additional contribution enclosed. \$ _____ Political Action Committee contribution. Payable to Maine NOW PAC.

☐ PLEASE CHECK HERE IF YOU DO NOT WANT MAINE NOW TO SHARE YOUR NAME WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. (see Maine NOW policy below)

☐ Please check here if you do not want National NOW to share your name with other groups.

NAME SHARING POLICY: Maine NOW shares our member list for coalition work, in which we are active (see list above). We also occasionally, on a case-by-case basis, will share the list with progressive groups who are advertising events or sharing information.

MAINE NOW ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 18th 11:30AM - 5PM

University of Southern Maine, Portland

Registration: \$20.00 Lunch Included

11:30AM *Luncheon Speaker: Nancy Grape*

Nancy is a journalist recently semi-retired from the Portland Newspapers. She has written profoundly on issues important to feminists - a risk taker, pioneer - ahead of her time.

1:15PM *Workshops:* Workplace Discrimination, Domestic Violence, Pesticides, Teen Issues and Electoral Politics.

3:30PM *Plenary on Civil Rights Bill History: Led by Karen Geraghty*

Karen is the lobbyist for the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance and a newly elected Portland City Counselor.

\$\$\$ Silent Auction to benefit Maine NOW PAC \$\$\$

For more information contact:

Maine NOW 207-797-8508 or USM TTY 207-780-5646

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